

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. _____

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CITY OF AVENAL
FOR
OPERATION
CITY OF AVENAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE
KINGS COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, (hereafter Board) finds that:

1. The City of Avenal (hereafter Discharger) owns and operates a municipal solid waste landfill northeast of the intersection of State Route 269 and Hydril Road within the incorporated area of the City of Avenal in Section 15, T22S, R17E, MDB&M, as shown in Attachment A, which is incorporated herein and made part of this Order. The Discharger contracts for the operation of the landfill. Currently, Norcal/Engineering & Construction Services is contracted to conduct the landfill operations.
2. The 159-acre facility contains three existing unlined waste management units (Units) covering approximately 40 acres, as shown in Attachment B, which is incorporated herein and made part of this Order. The facility is comprised of Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 38-26-23.
3. On 27 February 1976, the Board adopted Order No. 76-023, in which the facility was classified as a Class II-2 waste disposal site suitable to receive Group II and Group III wastes in accordance with the regulations in effect when the order was issued. This Order reclassifies the Units as a Class III landfill that accepts municipal solid waste in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, §20005, et seq. (Title 27).
4. On 17 September 1993, the Board adopted Order No. 93-200, amending Order No. 76-023 and implementing State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 93-62, Policy for Regulation of Discharges of Municipal Solid Waste.

SITE DESCRIPTION

5. The measured hydraulic conductivity of the native soils underlying the Units range between 1.04×10^{-6} and 1.53×10^{-7} cm/sec. Lenses of poorly-graded sandstone and gravel are anticipated to have a higher hydraulic conductivity than soils that have been tested.

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Gypsum is common along bedding planes and fractures and would also be expected to increase the hydraulic conductivity over what has been measured.

6. The closest Holocene fault appears to be a blind thrust that underlies the Kettleman Hills. An earthquake of Richter magnitude 5.7 was recorded on this fault in 1985. The maximum credible acceleration for the site is 0.48 g., associated with the calculated maximum credible earthquake of magnitude 6.75 on the Richter Scale for the thrust fault that underlies the Kettleman Hills.
7. Land uses within 1,000 feet of the facility are residential, agriculture, and general commercial.
8. The facility receives an average of 5.59 inches of precipitation per year as measured at the Avenal Walden Station. The mean pan evaporation is 111 inches per year as measured at the Avenal 9 SSE Station.
9. The 100-year, 24-hour precipitation event is estimated to be 2.58 inches, based on information from the Coalinga Area.
10. The waste management facility is not within a 100-year flood plain based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community-Panel Number 065073 0010 A.
11. There are three water wells within one-mile of the site. One well is a cathodic protection well with two wells at the Avenal High School. The two wells at the Avenal High School are for irrigation purposes only with one of the wells having not been used since 1955. No surface springs or other sources of groundwater supply have been observed.

WASTE AND SITE CLASSIFICATION

12. The Discharger discharges municipal solid wastes, which are defined in §20164 of Title 27.
13. The site characteristics where the Units are located (see Finding No. 5) do not meet the siting criteria for a new Class III landfill contained in §20260(a) and (b)(1) of Title 27 because of the presence of numerous sand lenses that have a higher hydraulic conductivity than 1×10^{-6} cm/sec and the presence of gypsum veins that increase the secondary permeability of fine-grained units to an unacceptable rate. As such, the site is not suitable for operating new Units or lateral expansions of existing Units for the discharge and containment of Class III wastes as described in Finding No. 12, without the construction of additional waste containment features in accordance with §20260(b)(2) of Title 27 and State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 93-62.

SURFACE AND GROUND WATER CONDITIONS

14. The *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition* (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, and contains implementation plans and policies for all waters of the Basin.
15. Surface drainage is toward the southwest in the Kettleman Hydrologic Area (558.50) of the Tulare Lake Basin.
16. The landfill is on the southwestern slope of the Kettleman Hills. Surface drainage is to the southwest toward the Kettleman Plain that drains into the southern San Joaquin Valley. The designated beneficial uses of Valley Floor Waters, as specified in the Basin Plan, are agricultural supply, industrial service and process supply, water contact and non-contact water recreation, warm fresh water habitat, preservation of rare, threatened and endangered species, and groundwater recharge.
17. Sediments of the Tulare Formation are exposed at the surface on the site. The Tulare Formation is described as consisting of interbedded claystone, mudstone, and sandy-mudstone. Rare coarse-grained gravel lenses, consisting of poorly-sorted sandstone and well-rounded gravel, occur across the site. These sediments dip to the southwest at approximately 30 degrees.
18. The first encountered groundwater is about 391 to 408 feet below the native ground surface. Groundwater elevations range from 477 feet MSL to 564 feet MSL. The groundwater is unconfined to semi-confined. The depth to groundwater fluctuates seasonally as much as two feet.
19. Monitoring data indicates background groundwater quality has an electrical conductivity (EC) ranging between 1,640 and 2,863 micromhos/cm, with total dissolved solids (TDS) ranging between 1,570 and 6,300 mg/l.
20. The direction of decreasing head, based on depth to groundwater measurements in the groundwater monitoring wells, appears to be toward the south and southwest. Not enough is known about the site hydrogeology and the influence of the dipping sediments to state that the direction of groundwater flow is to the south and southwest. Consultants at the site have reported that the average groundwater velocity is less than five feet per year; however, insufficient information is available to accurately calculate the groundwater flow velocity.
21. The designated beneficial uses of the groundwater, as specified in the Basin Plan, are domestic and municipal, agricultural, and industrial supply.

GROUNDWATER AND VADOSE ZONE MONITORING

22. Five groundwater monitoring wells (MW-1 through MW-5) have been installed at the site. Monitoring wells MW-1, MW-3, and MW-4 are downgradient of the Unit. Monitoring well MW-5 is crossgradient from the Unit. Monitoring well MW-2 is upgradient but has not contained water since the initial sampling event.
23. The vadose zone monitoring system consists of 10 lysimeters (LY-1 through LY-10) installed with gypsum blocks to monitor soil moisture. Methane gas concentrations are also monitored through the lysimeters.
24. The Discharger's detection monitoring program for groundwater at this Unit does not satisfy the requirements contained in Title 27 because there is no functional background well and there are an insufficient number of monitoring wells installed at appropriate locations to detect a release from the Unit. The water quality protection standard that has been proposed is not adequate because concentration limits are not based on background water quality.
25. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are often detected in a release from a landfill, and are the primary waste constituents detected in groundwater beneath a municipal solid waste landfill. Since volatile organic compounds are not naturally occurring and thus have no background value, they are not amenable to the statistical analysis procedures contained in Title 27 for the determination of a release of wastes from a Unit.
26. Sections 20415(e)(8) and (9) of Title 27 provide for the non-statistical evaluation of monitoring data that will provide the best assurance of the earliest possible detection of a release from a Unit in accordance with §20415(b)(1)(B)2.-4. of Title 27. However, Title 27 does not specify a specific method for non-statistical evaluation of monitoring data.
27. The Board may specify a non-statistical data analysis method pursuant to Section 20080(a)(1) of Title 27. Section 13360(a)(1) of the California Water Code allows the Board to specify requirements to protect underground or surface waters from leakage from a solid waste site, which includes a method to provide the best assurance of determining the earliest possible detection of a release.
28. In order to provide the best assurance of the earliest possible detection of a release of non-naturally occurring waste constituents from a Unit, this Order specifies a non-statistical method for the evaluation of monitoring data.
29. The specified non-statistical method for evaluation of monitoring data provides two criteria (or triggers) for making the determination that there has been a release of non-naturally

occurring waste constituents from a Unit. The presence of two non-naturally occurring waste constituents above their respective method detection limit (MDL), or one non-naturally occurring waste constituent detected above its practical quantitation limit (PQL), indicates that a release of waste from a Unit has occurred. Following an indication of a release, verification testing will be conducted to determine whether there has been a release from the Unit, or there is a source of the detected constituents other than the landfill, or the detection was a false detection. Although the detection of one non-naturally occurring waste constituent above its MDL is sufficient to provide for the earliest possible detection of a release, the detection of two non-naturally occurring waste constituents above the MDL as a trigger is appropriate due to the higher risk of false-positive analytical results and the corresponding increase in sampling and analytical expenses from the use of one non-naturally occurring waste constituent above its MDL as a trigger.

GROUNDWATER DEGRADATION

30. A release from the Unit has not been detected in groundwater.

CONSTRUCTION

31. The Discharger does not plan to expand the facility beyond the existing pre-Subtitle D waste footprint at this time.

CEQA AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

32. The action to revise waste discharge requirements for this existing facility is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resource Code §21000, et seq., and the CEQA guidelines, in accordance with Title 14, CCR, §15301.
33. This order implements:
- a. *The Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition;*
 - b. The prescriptive standards and performance goals of Chapters 1 through 7, Subdivision 1, Division 2, Title 27, of the California Code of Regulations, effective 18 July 1997, and subsequent revisions;
 - c. The prescriptive standards and performance criteria of RCRA Subtitle D, Part 258; and
 - d. State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 93-62, *Policy for Regulation of Discharges of Municipal Solid Waste*, adopted 17 June 1993.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

34. All local agencies with jurisdiction to regulate land use, solid waste disposal, air pollution, and to protect public health have approved the use of this site for the discharges of waste to land stated herein.
35. The Board notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe waste discharge requirements for this discharge, and has provided them with an opportunity for a public hearing and an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.
36. The Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
37. Any person adversely affected by this action of the Board may petition the State Water Resources Control Board to review the action. The petition must be received by the State Board within 30 days of the date of issuance of this Order. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing the petition will be provided on request.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 76-023 is rescinded, and Attachment 1 of Order No. 93-200 is amended to delete the City of Avenal Solid Waste Disposal Site, which is on line No. 51, and that the City of Avenal, its agents, successors, and assigns, in order to meet the provisions of Division 7 of the California Water Code and the regulations adopted thereunder, shall comply with the following:

A. PROHIBITIONS

1. The discharge of 'hazardous waste' or 'designated waste' is prohibited. For the purposes of this Order, the term 'hazardous waste' is as defined in Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 2510 et seq., and 'designated waste' is as defined in Title 27.
2. The discharge of wastes outside of a Unit or portions of a Unit specifically designed for their containment is prohibited.
3. The discharge of waste to a closed Unit is prohibited.
4. The discharge shall not cause the release of pollutants, or waste constituents in a manner which could cause a condition of nuisance, degradation, contamination, or

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pollution of groundwater to occur, as indicated by the most appropriate statistical or nonstatistical data analysis method and retest method listed in this Order, the Monitoring and Reporting Program, or the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements.

5. The discharge of solid or liquid waste or leachate to surface waters, surface water drainage courses, or groundwater is prohibited.
6. The discharge shall not cause any increase in the concentration of waste constituents in soil-pore gas, soil-pore liquid, soil, or other geologic materials outside of the Unit if such waste constituents could migrate to waters of the State — in either the liquid or the gaseous phase — and cause a condition of nuisance, degradation, contamination, or pollution.

B. DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS

1. The discharge of non-hazardous wastes shall remain within the designated disposal areas at all times.

C. FACILITY SPECIFICATIONS

1. The Discharger shall, in a timely manner, remove and relocate any wastes discharged at this facility in violation of this Order.
2. The Discharger shall immediately notify the Board of any flooding, unpermitted discharge of waste off-site, equipment failure, slope failure, or other change in site conditions which could impair the integrity of waste or leachate containment facilities or precipitation and drainage control structures.
3. Water used for facility maintenance shall be limited to the minimum amount necessary for dust control, and construction.
4. The Discharger shall maintain in good working order any facility, control system, or monitoring device installed to achieve compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
5. Methane and other landfill gases shall be adequately vented, removed from the Unit, or otherwise controlled to prevent the danger of adverse health effects, nuisance conditions, or the impairment of the beneficial uses of surface water or groundwater due to migration through the unsaturated zone.

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6. Surface drainage within the waste management facility shall either be contained on-site or be discharged in accordance with applicable storm water regulations.
7. The Discharger shall maintain a *Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and Monitoring Program and Reporting Requirements* in accordance with State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 97-03-DWQ, or retain all storm water on-site.

D. CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

1. The construction of new Units or expansion of existing Units is prohibited.
2. Closure shall not proceed in the absence of closure waste discharge requirements.

E. DETECTION MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS

1. The Discharger shall comply with the detection monitoring program provisions of Title 27 for groundwater, surface water, and the unsaturated zone, and in accordance with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. _____. **By 31 December 2000**, the Discharger shall submit for Executive Officer review and approval an adequate work plan for installation of a groundwater detection monitoring system in compliance with Title 27.
2. **By 30 June 2001**, the Discharger shall have installed an adequate groundwater detection monitoring system in accordance with Title 27 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. _____.
3. **By 30 June 2002**, the Discharger shall submit for Executive Officer review and approval a water quality protection standard based on the collection and analysis of background groundwater samples.
4. The Discharger shall provide Board staff a minimum of **one week** notification prior to commencing any field activities related to the installation, repair, or abandonment of monitoring devices, and a minimum 48 hour notification prior to the collection of samples associated with a detection monitoring program, evaluation monitoring program, or corrective action program.
5. The Discharger shall comply with the Water Quality Protection Standard which is specified in Monitoring and Reporting Program No. _____ and the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements, dated April 2000.

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6. The Water Quality Protection Standard for organic compounds which are not naturally occurring and not detected in background groundwater samples shall be taken as the detection limit of the analytical method used (i.e., US-EPA methods 8260 and 8270). The presence of non-naturally occurring organic compounds in samples above the Water Quality Protection Standard from detection monitoring wells is evidence of a release from the Unit.
7. The concentrations of the constituents of concern in waters passing the Point of Compliance shall not exceed the concentration limits established pursuant to Monitoring and Reporting Program No. _____. **By 31 August 2002**, the Discharger shall submit a report determining whether groundwater has been degraded by waste constituents along the point of compliance.
8. For each monitoring event, the Discharger shall determine whether the landfill is in compliance with the Water Quality Protection Standard using procedures specified in Monitoring and Reporting Program No. _____ and §20415(e) of Title 27.
9. For any given monitored medium, the samples taken from all monitoring points and background monitoring points to satisfy the data analysis requirements for a given reporting period shall all be taken **within a span not to exceed 30 days**, unless the Executive Officer approves a longer time period, and shall be taken in a manner that ensures sample independence to the greatest extent feasible.
10. Specific methods of collection and analysis must be identified. Sample collection, storage, and analysis shall be performed according to the most recent version of USEPA Methods, such as the latest editions, as applicable, of: (1) *Methods for the Analysis of Organics in Water and Wastewater* (USEPA 600 Series), (2) *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste* (SW-846, latest edition), and (3) *Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes* (USEPA 600/4-79-020), and in accordance with the approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan.
11. If methods other than USEPA-approved methods or Standard Methods are used, the exact methodology shall be submitted for review and approval by the Executive Officer prior to use.
12. The **methods of analysis and the detection limits** used must be appropriate for the expected concentrations. For the monitoring of any constituent or parameter that is found in concentrations which produce more than 90% non-numerical determinations (i.e., "trace" or "ND") in data from background monitoring points for that medium, the analytical method having the lowest method detection limit (MDL) shall be

selected from among those methods which would provide valid results in light of any matrix effects or interferences.

13. **"Trace" results** - results falling between the MDL and the practical quantitation limit (PQL) - shall be reported as such, and shall be accompanied both by the estimated MDL and PQL values for that analytical run.
14. **MDLs and PQLs** shall be derived by the laboratory for each analytical procedure, according to State of California laboratory accreditation procedures. These MDLs and PQLs shall reflect the detection and quantitation capabilities of the specific analytical procedure and equipment used by the lab, rather than simply being quoted from USEPA analytical method manuals. In relatively interference-free water, laboratory-derived MDLs and PQLs are expected to closely agree with published USEPA MDLs and PQLs.
15. If the laboratory suspects that, due to a change in matrix or other effects, the true detection limit or quantitation limit for a particular analytical run differs significantly from the laboratory-derived MDL/PQL values, the results shall be flagged accordingly, along with estimates of the detection limit and quantitation limit actually achieved. **The MDL shall always be calculated such that it represents the lowest achievable concentration associated with a 99% reliability of a nonzero result.** The PQL shall always be calculated such that it represents the lowest constituent concentration at which a numerical value can be assigned with reasonable certainty that it represents the constituent's actual concentration in the sample. Normally, PQLs should be set equal to the concentration of the lowest standard used to calibrate the analytical procedure.
16. All **QA/QC data** shall be reported, along with the sample results to which they apply, including the method, equipment, analytical detection and quantitation limits, the percent recovery, an explanation for any recovery that falls outside the QC limits, the results of equipment and method blanks, the results of spiked and surrogate samples, the frequency of quality control analysis, and the name and qualifications of the person(s) performing the analyses. Sample results shall be reported unadjusted for blank results or spike recoveries. In cases where contaminants are detected in QA/QC samples (i.e., field, trip, or lab blanks), the accompanying sample results shall be appropriately flagged.
17. **Unknown chromatographic peaks** shall be reported, along with an estimate of the concentration of the unknown analyte. When unknown peaks are encountered, second column or second method confirmation procedures shall be performed to attempt to identify and more accurately quantify the unknown analyte.

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18. The statistical method shall account for data below the practical quantitation limit (PQL) with one or more statistical procedures that are protective of human health and the environment. Any PQL validated pursuant to §20415(e)(7) of Title 27 that is used in the statistical method shall be **the lowest concentration (or value) that can be reliably achieved** within limits of precision and accuracy specified in the WDRs for routine laboratory operating conditions that are available to the facility. The Discharger's technical report, pursuant to §20415(e)(7) of Title 27, shall consider the PQLs listed in Appendix IX to Chapter 14 of Division 4.5 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, for guidance when specifying limits of precision and accuracy. For any given constituent monitored at a background or downgradient monitoring point, an indication that falls between the MDL and the PQL for that constituent (hereinafter called a "trace" detection) shall be identified and used in appropriate statistical or nonstatistical tests. Nevertheless, for a statistical method that is compatible with the proportion of censored data (trace and ND indications) in the data set, the Discharger can use the laboratory's concentration estimates in the trace range (if available) for statistical analysis, in order to increase the statistical power by decreasing the number of "ties".
19. The Discharger may propose an alternate statistical method [to the methods listed under 27 CCR §20415(e)(8)(A-D)] in accordance with §20415(e)(8)(E) of Title 27, for review and approval by the Executive Officer. Upon receiving written approval from the Executive Officer, alternate statistical procedures may be used for determining the significance of analytical results for common laboratory contaminants (i.e., methylene chloride, acetone, diethylhexyl phthalate, and di-n-octyl phthalate). Nevertheless, analytical results involving detection of these analytes in any background or downgradient sample shall be reported and flagged for easy reference by Board staff.
20. The Discharger shall use the following nonstatistical method for the VOC_{water} and VOC_{spg} (Soil Pore Gas) Monitoring Parameters and for all Constituents of Concern which are not amenable to the statistical tests above (i.e., less than 10% of the data from background samples equal or exceed their respective MDL). Each qualifying constituent at a monitoring point shall be determined based on either:
 - a. The data from a single sample for that constituent, taken during that reporting period from that monitoring point; or
 - b. The data from the sample which contains the largest number of qualifying constituents, where several independent samples have been analyzed for that constituent at a given monitoring point.

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Background for water samples or soil-pore gas samples shall be represented by the data from all samples taken from applicable background monitoring points during that reporting period (at least one sample from each background monitoring point). The Discharger may propose an alternate statistical method [to the methods listed under 27 CCR §20415(e)(8)(A-D)] in accordance with §20415(e)(8)(E) of Title 27, for review and approval by the Executive Officer.

21. The method shall be implemented as follows:

- a. *For the Volatile Organic Compounds Monitoring Parameter For Water Samples [VOC_{water}]*: For any given monitoring point, the VOC_{water} Monitoring Parameter is a composite parameter addressing all "qualifying VOCs" (in this case, VOCs that are detected in less than 10% of background samples).

The Discharger shall conduct verification testing (see Detection Monitoring Specifications E.22. and E.24 below, as appropriate) to determine whether a release of VOC_{water} Monitoring Parameter has occurred if the data for any monitoring point meets either of the following triggering conditions:

- 1) the data contains two or more qualifying VOCs that equal or exceed their respective MDLs; or
- 2) the data contains one qualifying VOC that equals or exceeds its PQL.

- b. *For the Volatile Organic Compounds Monitoring Parameter For Soil Pore Gas Samples [VOC_{spg}]*: the VOC_{spg} Monitoring Parameter is a composite parameter for soil pore gas addressing all "qualifying VOCs" detectable using either GC or GC/MS analysis for at least a ten liter sample of soil pore gas (e.g., collected in a vacuum canister). It involves the same scope of VOCs as does the VOC_{water} Monitoring Parameter. For the VOC_{spg} test, "qualifying VOCs" consist of all those VOCs which are detectable in less than 10% of background soil pore gas samples.

The Discharger shall conduct verification testing (see Detection Monitoring Specifications E.22. and E.24 below, as appropriate) to determine whether a release of VOC_{spg} Monitoring Parameter has occurred if the data for any monitoring point meets either of the following triggering conditions:

- 1) the data contains two or more qualifying VOCs that equal or exceed their respective MDLs; or

- 2) the data contains one qualifying VOC that equals or exceeds its PQL.
- c. *For Constituents of Concern:* For five-yearly testing of all Constituents of Concern (COCs), the "qualifying constituents" consist of COCs that are detected in less than 10% of applicable background samples.

The Discharger shall conduct verification testing (see Detection Monitoring Specifications E.22. and E.24 below, as appropriate) to determine whether a release of COCs has occurred if the data for any monitoring point meets either of the following triggering conditions:

- 1) the data contains two or more qualifying constituents that equal or exceed their respective MDLs; or
 - 2) the data contains one qualifying constituent that equals or exceeds its PQL.
22. **Non-Statistical Method Retest.** A non-statistical test method may be used by the Discharger to analyze the monitoring data for which it is impractical to conduct a statistical analysis. A non-statistical test method shall include a procedure to verify that there is "measurably significant" evidence of a release from the Unit. For the VOC_{water}, VOC_{spg}, and nonstatistical COC test, the Discharger shall use a discrete retest consisting of two new samples from each indicating monitoring point. The Discharger shall conduct the retest for the standard nonstatistical method as follows:
- a. **For VOC_{water} and VOC_{spg}.** Because the VOC composite Monitoring Parameter (for water or soil pore gas) is a single parameter which addresses an entire family of constituents likely to be present in any landfill release, **the scope of the laboratory analysis for each of the two retest samples shall include all VOCs detectable in that retest sample.** Therefore, a confirming retest, in accordance with Detection Monitoring Specification E.21.a. and b., above, for either triggering condition in either of the two retest samples, shall have validated the original indication even if the detected constituents in the confirming retest sample(s) differs from those detected in the sample which initiated the retest.
 - b. **For Constituents of Concern.** Because all Constituents of Concern that are jointly addressed in the non-statistical test above, remain as individual Constituents of Concern, **the scope of the laboratory analysis for the non-statistical retest of Constituents of Concern shall address only those constituents detected in the sample which initiated the retest.** Therefore, the list of "qualifying constituents" for use in the retest, under Detection Monitoring

Specification E.21.c., shall consist of those constituents which provided the original indication at that monitoring point. If the retest meets either triggering condition in either of the two retest samples, the retest shall have validated the original indication.

23. **Response to Detection in Background of VOCs** (or any other constituent which is not naturally in the background and thus is not amenable to statistical analysis):

a. Any time the laboratory analysis of a sample from a background monitoring point, sampled for VOCs, shows either:

- 1) two or more VOCs at or above their respective MDL; or
- 2) one VOC at or above its respective PQL.

Then the Discharger shall:

- a) **immediately** notify the Board by phone;
 - b) follow up with written notification by certified mail **within seven days**;
 - c) obtain **two** new independent VOC samples from that background monitoring point; and
 - d) send such samples for laboratory analysis of all detectable VOCs **within thirty days**.
- b. If either or both the new samples validates the presence of VOC(s), using the above criteria, the Discharger shall:
- 1) **immediately** notify the Board about the VOC(s) verified to be present at that background monitoring point, and follow up with written notification submitted by certified mail **within seven days** of validation; and
 - 2) if the Discharger believes that the VOC(s) in background is from a source other than the Unit, then:
 - a) **within seven days** of determining "measurably significant" evidence of a release, submit to the Board by certified mail a Notification of

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Intent to make such a demonstration pursuant to §20420(k)(7) of Title 27; and

- b) **within 90 days** of determining "measurably significant" evidence of a release, submit a report to the Board that demonstrates that a source other than the Unit caused the evidence, or that the evidence resulted from error in sampling, analysis or evaluation, or from natural variation in groundwater, surface water, or the unsaturated zone.
 - c. If the Executive Officer determines, after reviewing the submitted report(s), that the VOC(s) detected originated from a source other than the Unit(s), the Executive Officer will make appropriate changes to the monitoring program.
24. If the Executive Officer determines, after reviewing the submitted report, that the detected VOC(s) most likely originated from the Unit(s), the Discharger shall **immediately** implement the requirements of XI. Response To A Release, C. Release Has Been Verified, contained in the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements.

F. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. In the event the Discharger does not comply or will be unable to comply with any prohibition or limitation of this Order for any reason, the Discharger shall notify the appropriate Board office by telephone **as soon as** it or its agents have knowledge of such noncompliance or potential for noncompliance, and shall confirm this notification in writing **within two weeks**. The written notification shall state the nature, time, and cause of noncompliance, and shall describe the measures being taken to prevent recurrences and shall include a timetable for corrective actions.
2. The Discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records, all original strip chart recordings of continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this Order. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of five years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. This period may be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding this discharge or when requested by the Executive Officer.

Such legible records shall show the following for each sample:

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- a. Sample identification and the monitoring point or background monitoring point from which it was taken, along with the identity of the individual who obtained the sample;
 - b. Date, time, and manner of sampling;
 - c. Date and time that analyses were started and completed, and the name of the personnel and laboratory performing each analysis;
 - d. Complete procedure used, including method of preserving the sample, and the identity and volumes of reagents used;
 - e. Calculation of results; and
 - f. Results of analyses, and the MDL and PQL for each analysis.
3. A transmittal letter explaining the essential points shall accompany each report. At a minimum, the transmittal letter shall identify any violations found since the last report was submitted, and if the violations were corrected. If no violations have occurred since the last submittal, this shall be stated in the transmittal letter. The transmittal letter shall also state that a discussion of any violations found since the last report was submitted, and a description of the actions taken or planned for correcting those violations, including any references to previously submitted time schedules, is contained in the accompanying report.
4. Each monitoring report shall include a compliance evaluation summary. The summary shall contain at least:
 - a. For each monitoring point and background monitoring point addressed by the report, a description of:
 - 1) the time of water level measurement;
 - 2) the type of pump - or other device - used for purging and the elevation of the pump intake relative to the elevation of the screened interval;
 - 3) the method of purging (the pumping rate; the equipment and methods used to monitor field pH, temperature, and conductivity during purging; the calibration of the field equipment; results of the pH, temperature, conductivity, and turbidity testing; and the method of disposing of the

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purge water) to remove all portions of the water that was in the well bore while the sample was being taken;

- 4) the type of pump - or other device - used for sampling, if different than the pump or device used for purging; and
 - 5) a statement that the sampling procedure was conducted in accordance with the approved Sampling and Analysis Plan.
- b. A map or aerial photograph showing the locations of observation stations, monitoring points, and background monitoring points.
 - c. For each groundwater body, a description and graphical presentation of the gradient and direction of groundwater flow under/around the Unit, and the groundwater flow rate, based upon water level elevations taken prior to the collection of the water quality data submitted in the report.
 - d. Laboratory statements of results of all analyses evaluating compliance with requirements.
 - e. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the leachate monitoring and control facilities, and of the run-off/run-on control facilities.
 - f. A summary and certification of completion of all **Standard Observations** for the Unit(s), for the perimeter of the Unit, and for the receiving waters. The Standard Observations shall include:
 - 1) For the Unit:
 - a) Evidence of ponded water at any point on the facility (show affected area on map);
 - b) Evidence of odors - presence or absence, characterization, source, and distance of travel from source; and
 - c) Evidence of erosion and/or of day-lighted refuse.
 - 2) Along the perimeter of the Unit:
 - a) Evidence of liquid leaving or entering the Unit, estimated size of affected area, and flow rate (show affected area on map);

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- b) Evidence of odors - presence or absence, characterization, source, and distance of travel from source; and
 - c) Evidence of erosion and/or of day-lighted refuse.
 - 3) For receiving waters:
 - a) Floating and suspended materials of waste origin - presence or absence, source, and size of affected area;
 - b) Discoloration and turbidity - description of color, source, and size of affected area;
 - c) Evidence of odors - presence or absence, characterization, source, and distance of travel from source;
 - d) Evidence of water uses - presence of water-associated wildlife;
 - e) Flow rate; and
 - f) Weather conditions - wind direction and estimated velocity, total precipitation during recent days and on the day of observation.
 - g. The quantity and types of wastes discharged and the locations in the Unit where waste has been placed since submittal of the last such report.
5. The Discharger shall report by telephone any seepage from the disposal area **immediately** after it is discovered. A written report shall be filed with the Board **within seven days**, containing at least the following information:
- a. A map showing the location(s) of seepage;
 - b. An estimate of the flow rate;
 - c. A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses);
 - d. Verification that samples have been submitted for analyses of the Constituents of Concern and Monitoring Parameters, and an estimated date that the results will be submitted to the Board; and

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- e. Corrective measures underway or proposed, and corresponding time schedule.
6. The Discharger shall submit an **Annual Monitoring Summary Report** to the Board covering the reporting period of the previous monitoring year. This report shall contain:
- a. All monitoring parameters and constituents of concern shall be graphed so as to show historical trends at each monitoring point and background monitoring point, for all samples taken within at least the previous five calendar years. Each such graph shall plot the concentration of one or more constituents for the period of record for a given monitoring point or background monitoring point, at a scale appropriate to show trends or variations in water quality. The graphs shall plot each datum, rather than plotting mean values. For any given constituent or parameter, the scale for background plots shall be the same as that used to plot downgradient data. Graphical analysis of monitoring data may be used to provide significant evidence of a release.
 - b. Unless otherwise exempted by the Executive Officer, all monitoring analytical data obtained during the previous two six-month reporting periods, shall be presented in tabular form as well as on 3.50" computer diskettes, either in MS-DOS/ASCII format or in another file format acceptable to the Executive Officer. Data sets too large to fit on a single diskette may be submitted on disk in a commonly available compressed format (e.g. PKZIP). The Board regards the submittal of data in hard copy and in digital format as "...the form necessary for..." statistical analysis [§20420(h)], in that this facilitates periodic review by the Board.
 - c. A comprehensive discussion of the compliance record, and the result of any corrective actions taken or planned which may be needed to bring the Discharger into full compliance with the waste discharge requirements.
 - d. A map showing the area and elevations in which filling has been completed during the previous calendar year and a comparison to final closure design contours.
 - e. A written summary of the monitoring results, indicating any changes made or observed since the previous annual report.
 - f. An evaluation of the effectiveness of the leachate monitoring/control facilities.

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G. PROVISIONS

1. The Discharger shall maintain a copy of this Order at the facility and make it available at all times to facility operating personnel, who shall be familiar with its contents, and to regulatory agency personnel.
2. The Discharger shall comply with all applicable provisions of Title 27 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 258 (Subtitle D) that are not specifically referred to in this Order.
3. The Discharger shall comply with Monitoring and Reporting Program No. ____, which is incorporated into and made part of this Order.
4. The Discharger shall comply with the applicable portions of the *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonhazardous Solid Waste Discharges Regulated by Title 27 and/or Subtitle D (27 CCR §20005 et seq. and 40 CFR 258 et seq.)*, dated April 2000, which are hereby incorporated into this Order.
5. All reports and transmittal letters shall be signed by persons identified below:
 - a. For a corporation: by a principal executive officer of at least the level of senior vice-president.
 - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor.
 - c. For a municipality, state, federal or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected or appointed official.
 - d. A duly authorized representative of a person designated in a, b or c above if;
 - 1) the authorization is made in writing by a person described in a, b, or c of this provision;
 - 2) the authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a Unit, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and

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3) the written authorization is submitted to the Board.

e. Any person signing a document under this Section shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

6. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to the waters of the State resulting from noncompliance with this Order. Such steps shall include accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature, extent, and impact of the noncompliance.
7. The owner of the waste management facility shall have the continuing responsibility to assure protection of waters of the state from discharged wastes and from gases and leachate generated by discharged waste during the active life, closure, and post-closure maintenance period of the Unit(s) and during subsequent use of the property for other purposes.
8. The fact that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with this Order shall not be regarded as a defense for the Discharger's violations of the Order.
9. To assume ownership or operation under this Order, the succeeding owner or operator must apply in writing to the Board requesting transfer of the Order within 14 days of assuming ownership or operation of this facility. The request must contain the requesting entity's full legal name, the State of incorporation if a corporation, the name and address and telephone number of the persons responsible for contact with the Board, and a statement. The statement shall comply with the signatory requirements contained in Provision G.5. and state that the new owner or operator assumes full responsibility for compliance with this Order. Failure to submit the request shall be considered a discharge without requirements, a violation of the California Water Code. Transfer of this Order shall be approved or disapproved by the Board.
10. The Discharger shall conduct an annual review of the financial assurance for initiating and completing corrective action, and submit a report for Executive Officer review

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and approval. The assurances of financial responsibility shall provide that funds for corrective action shall be available to the Regional Board upon the issuance of any order under California Water Code, Division 7, Chapter 5. The Discharger shall adjust the cost annually to account for inflation and any changes in facility design, construction, or operation.

11. The Discharger shall conduct an annual review of the financial assurance for closure and post-closure maintenance, and submit a report for Executive Officer review and approval. The assurances of financial responsibility shall provide that funds for closure and post-closure maintenance shall be available to the Regional Board upon the issuance of any order under California Water Code, Division 7, Chapter 5. The Discharger shall adjust the cost annually to account for inflation and any changes in facility design, construction, or operation.
12. The Discharger shall complete the tasks contained in these waste discharge requirements in accordance with the following time schedule:

| <u>Task</u> | <u>Compliance Date</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| A. Detection Monitoring Program Work Plan | |
| Submit a work plan for the installation of a groundwater detection monitoring system. (see Detection Monitoring Specification E.1) | 31 December 2000 |
| B. Detection Monitoring System Installation | |
| Install an adequate groundwater monitoring detection monitoring system. (see Detection Monitoring Specification E.2) | 30 June 2001 |
| C. Water Quality Protection Standard | |
| Submit a water quality protection standard for Executive Officer review and approval based on upgradient groundwater quality. (see Detection Monitoring Specification E.3) | 30 June 2002 |

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D. Groundwater Degradation

Submit a report determining whether groundwater has been degraded by waste constituents along the point of compliance.
(see Detection Monitoring Specification E.7)

31 August 2002

E. Financial Assurance Review

1. Annual Review of Financial Assurance for initiating and completing corrective action
(see Provision G.10.)
2. Annual Review of Financial Assurance for closure and post-closure maintenance
(see Provision G.11.)

30 April each year

30 April each year

I, GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on _____.

GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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Compliance with this Monitoring and Reporting Program, with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Section 20005, et seq. (hereafter Title 27), and with the *Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements for Nonhazardous Solid Waste Discharges Regulated by Title 27 and/or Subtitle D (27 CCR §20005 et seq. and 40 CFR 258)*, dated April 2000, is ordered by Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. _____.

A. REQUIRED MONITORING REPORTS

| <u>Report</u> | <u>Due</u> |
|--|---------------|
| 1. Groundwater Monitoring (Section D.1) | See Table I |
| 2. Annual Monitoring Summary Report (Order No. _____, F.6.) | Annually |
| 3. Unsaturated Zone Monitoring (Section D.2) | See Table II |
| 4. Leachate Monitoring (Section D.3) | See Table III |
| 5. Facility Monitoring (Section D.4) | As necessary |
| 6. Response to a Release (Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements) | As necessary |

B. REPORTING

The Discharger shall report monitoring data and information as required in this Monitoring and Reporting Program and as required in Order No. _____ and the Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements. Reports which do not comply with the required format will be **REJECTED** and the Discharger shall be deemed to be in noncompliance

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with the waste discharge requirements. In reporting the monitoring data required by this program, the Discharger shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the date, the constituents, the concentrations, and the units are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner so as to illustrate clearly the compliance with waste discharge requirements or the lack thereof. Data shall also be submitted in a digital format acceptable to the Executive Officer.

Each monitoring report shall include a compliance evaluation summary as specified in F. Reporting Requirements, of Order No. _____.

Field and laboratory tests shall be reported in each monitoring report. Monthly, quarterly, semiannual, and annual monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Board in accordance with the following schedule for the calendar period in which samples were taken or observations made.

| <u>Sampling Frequency</u> | <u>Reporting Frequency</u> | <u>Reporting Periods End</u> | <u>Report Date Due</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monthly | Quarterly | Last Day of Month | by Semiannual Schedule |
| Quarterly | Quarterly | 31 March | 30 April |
| | | 30 June | 31 July |
| | | 30 September | 31 October |
| | | 31 December | 31 January |
| Semiannually | Semiannually | 30 June | 31 July |
| | | 31 December | 31 January |
| Annually | Annually | 31 December | 31 January |

The Discharger shall submit an **Annual Monitoring Summary Report** to the Board covering the previous monitoring year. The annual report shall contain the information specified in F. Reporting Requirements, of Order No. _____, and a discussion of compliance with the waste discharge requirements and the Water Quality Protection Standard.

The results of **all monitoring** conducted at the site shall reported to the Board in accordance with the reporting schedule above for the calendar period in which samples were taken or observations made.

C. WATER QUALITY PROTECTION STANDARD AND COMPLIANCE PERIOD

1. Water Quality Protection Standard Report

For each waste management unit (Unit), the Water Quality Protection Standard shall consist of all constituents of concern, the concentration limit for each constituent of concern, the point of compliance, and all water quality monitoring points.

The Water Quality Protection Standard for naturally occurring waste constituents consists of the constituents of concern, the concentration limits, and the point of compliance and all monitoring points. The Executive Officer shall review and approve the Water Quality Protection Standard, or any modification thereto, for each monitored medium.

The report shall:

- a. Identify **all distinct bodies of surface and ground water** that could be affected in the event of a release from a Unit or portion of a Unit. This list shall include at least the uppermost aquifer and any permanent or ephemeral zones of perched groundwater underlying the facility.
- b. Include a map showing the monitoring points and background monitoring points for the surface water monitoring program, groundwater monitoring program, and the unsaturated zone monitoring program. The map shall include the point of compliance in accordance with §20405 of Title 27.
- c. Evaluate the perennial direction(s) of groundwater movement within the uppermost groundwater zone(s).

If subsequent sampling of the background monitoring point(s) indicates significant water quality changes due to either seasonal fluctuations or other reasons unrelated to waste management activities at the site, the Discharger may request modification of the Water Quality Protection Standard.

2. Constituents of Concern

The constituents of concern include all the waste constituents, their reaction products, and hazardous constituents that are reasonably expected to be in or derived from waste contained in the Unit. The constituents of concern for all Units at the facility are those listed in Tables I through IV for the specified monitored medium, and Table VI. The Discharger shall monitor all constituents of concern every five years, or more frequently as required in accordance with a

Corrective Action Program.

a. **Monitoring Parameters**

Monitoring parameters are constituents of concern that are the waste constituents, reaction products, hazardous constituents, and physical parameters that provide a reliable indication of a release from a Unit. The monitoring parameters for all Units are those listed in Tables I through V for the specified monitored medium.

3. **Concentration Limits**

For a naturally occurring constituent of concern, the concentration limit for each constituent of concern shall be determined as follows:

- a. By calculation in accordance with a statistical method pursuant to §20415 of Title 27; or
- b. By an alternate statistical method acceptable to the Executive Officer in accordance with §20415 of Title 27.

4. **Point of Compliance**

The point of compliance for the water standard at each Unit is a vertical surface located at the hydraulically downgradient limit of the Unit that extends through the uppermost aquifer underlying the Unit.

5. **Compliance Period**

The compliance period for each Unit shall be the number of years equal to the active life of the Unit plus the closure period. The compliance period is the minimum period during which the Discharger shall conduct a water quality monitoring program subsequent to a release from the Unit. The compliance period shall begin anew each time the Discharger initiates an evaluation monitoring program.

D. **MONITORING**

The Discharger shall comply with the detection monitoring program provisions of Title 27 for groundwater, surface water, and the unsaturated zone, in accordance with Detection Monitoring Specification E.1 of Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. _____. All monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with a Sample Collection and

Analysis Plan, which includes quality assurance/quality control standards, that is acceptable to the Executive Officer.

All point of compliance monitoring wells established for the detection monitoring program shall constitute the monitoring points for the groundwater Water Quality Protection Standard. All detection monitoring program groundwater monitoring wells, unsaturated zone monitoring devices, leachate, and surface water monitoring points shall be sampled and analyzed for monitoring parameters and constituents of concern as indicated and listed in Tables I through III.

Method detection limits and practical quantitation limits shall be reported. All peaks shall be reported, including those which cannot be quantified and/or specifically identified. Metals shall be analyzed in accordance with the methods listed in Table V.

The Discharger may, with the approval of the Executive Officer, use alternative analytical test methods, including new USEPA approved methods, provided the methods have method detection limits equal to or lower than the analytical methods specified in this Monitoring and Reporting Program.

1. Groundwater

The Discharger shall install and operate a groundwater detection monitoring system that complies with the applicable provisions of §20415 and §20420 of Title 27 in accordance with a Detection Monitoring Program approved by the Executive Officer. The Discharger shall collect, preserve, and transport groundwater samples in accordance with the approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan.

The Discharger shall determine the groundwater flow rate and direction in the uppermost aquifer and in any zones of perched water and in any additional zone of saturation monitored pursuant to this Monitoring and Reporting Program, and report the results semiannually, including the times of highest and lowest elevations of the water levels in the wells.

Hydrographs of each well shall be submitted showing the elevation of groundwater with respect to the elevations of the top and bottom of the screened interval and the elevation of the pump intake. Hydrographs of each well shall be prepared quarterly and submitted annually.

Groundwater samples shall be collected from the point-of-compliance wells, background wells, and any additional wells added as part of the approved groundwater monitoring system. Samples shall be collected and analyzed for the

monitoring parameters in accordance with the methods and frequency specified in Table I.

The monitoring parameters shall also be evaluated each reporting period with regards to the cation/anion balance, and the results shall be graphically presented using a Stiff diagram, a Piper graph, or a Schueller plot. Samples for the constituents of concern specified in Table I shall be collected and analyzed in accordance with the methods listed in Table V every five years.

2. Unsaturated Zone Monitoring

The Discharger shall install and operate an unsaturated zone detection monitoring system that complies with the applicable provisions of §20415 and §20420 of Title 27 in accordance with a detection monitoring plan approved by the Executive Officer. The Discharger shall collect, preserve, and transport samples in accordance with the quality assurance/quality control standards contained in the approved Sample Collection and Analysis Plan.

Unsaturated zone samples shall be collected from the monitoring devices and background monitoring devices of the approved unsaturated zone monitoring system. The collected samples shall be analyzed for the listed constituents in accordance with the methods and frequency specified in Table II. All monitoring parameters shall be graphed so as to show historical trends at each monitoring point. Samples for the constituents of concern specified in Table II shall be collected and analyzed in accordance with the methods listed in Table V every five years.

3. Leachate Monitoring

Leachate which seeps to the surface from the Unit shall be sampled and analyzed for the constituents listed in Table III upon detection. The quantity of leachate shall be *estimated* and reported as Leachate Flow Rate (in gallons/day).

4. Facility Monitoring

a. Facility Inspection

Annually, prior to the anticipated rainy season, but no later than **30 September**, the Discharger shall conduct an inspection of the facility. The inspection shall assess damage to the drainage control system, groundwater monitoring equipment (including wells, etc.), and shall include the Standard Observations contained in section F.4.f. of Order No. _____. Any necessary construction, maintenance, or repairs shall be

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completed by **31 October**. By **15 November** of each year, the Discharger shall submit an annual report describing the results of the inspection and the repair measures implemented, including photographs of the problem and the repairs.

b. **Storm Events**

The Discharger shall inspect all precipitation, diversion, and drainage facilities for damage **within 7 days** following *major storm events*. Necessary repairs shall be completed **within 30 days** of the inspection. The Discharger shall report any damage and subsequent repairs within 45 days of completion of the repairs, including photographs of the problem and the repairs.

The Discharger shall implement the above monitoring program on the effective date of this Program.

Ordered by: _____
GARY M. CARLTON, Executive Officer

(Date)

CLR:

TABLE I
GROUNDWATER DETECTION MONITORING PROGRAM

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Frequency</u> |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Field Parameters | | |
| Groundwater Elevation | Ft. & hundredths, M.S.L. | Quarterly |
| Temperature | °C | Semiannual |
| Electrical Conductivity | µmhos/cm | Semiannual |
| pH | pH units | Semiannual |
| Turbidity | Turbidity units | Semiannual |
| Monitoring Parameters | | |
| Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Chloride | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Carbonate | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Bicarbonate | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Nitrate - Nitrogen | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Sulfate | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Calcium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Magnesium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Potassium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Sodium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260, see Table IV) | µg/L | Semiannual |
| Constituents of Concern (see Table V) | | |
| Total Organic Carbon | mg/L | 5 years |
| Inorganics (dissolved) | mg/L | 5 years |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260, extended list) | µg/L | 5 years |
| Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8270) | µg/L | 5 years |
| Chlorophenoxy Herbicides (USEPA Method 8150) | µg/L | 5 years |
| Organophosphorus Compounds (USEPA Method 8141) | µg/L | 5 years |

TABLE II
UNSATURATED ZONE DETECTION MONITORING PROGRAM

SOIL-PORE GAS

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Frequency</u> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| Monitoring Parameters | | |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method TO-14) | $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ | Semiannual |
| Methane | % | Semiannual |

LYSIMETERS (or other vadose zone monitoring device)

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Frequency</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Field Parameters | | |
| Electrical Conductivity | $\mu\text{mhos}/\text{cm}$ | Semiannual |
| pH | pH units | Semiannual |

Monitoring Parameters

| | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|
| Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Chloride | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Carbonate | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Bicarbonate | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Nitrate - Nitrogen | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Sulfate | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Calcium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Magnesium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Potassium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Sodium | mg/L | Semiannual |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260, see Table IV) | $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ | Semiannual |

Constituents of Concern (see Table V)

| | | |
|--|------------------------|---------|
| Total Organic Carbon | mg/L | 5 years |
| Inorganics (dissolved) | mg/L | 5 years |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260, extended list) | $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ | 5 years |
| Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds | $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$ | 5 years |

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UNSATURATED ZONE DETECTION MONITORING PROGRAM

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| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Frequency</u> |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| (USEPA Method 8270) Chlorophenoxy Herbicides | µg/L | 5 years |
| (USEPA Method 8150) Organophosphorus Compounds | µg/L | 5 years |
| (USEPA Method 8141) | | |

TABLE III
LEACHATE DETECTION MONITORING PROGRAM

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Units</u> | <u>Frequency</u> |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Field Parameters | | |
| Total Flow | Gallons | Monthly |
| Flow Rate | Gallons/Day | Monthly |
| Electrical Conductivity | µmhos/cm | Monthly |
| pH | pH units | Monthly |
| Monitoring Parameters | | |
| Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) | mg/L | Annually |
| Chloride | mg/L | Annually |
| Carbonate | mg/L | Annually |
| Bicarbonate | mg/L | Annually |
| Nitrate - Nitrogen | mg/L | Annually |
| Sulfate | mg/L | Annually |
| Calcium | mg/L | Annually |
| Magnesium | mg/L | Annually |
| Potassium | mg/L | Annually |
| Sodium | mg/L | Annually |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260, see Table IV) | µg/L | Annually |
| Constituents of Concern (see Table V) | | |
| Total Organic Carbon | mg/L | 5 years |
| Inorganics (dissolved) | mg/L | 5 years |
| Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8260, extended list) | µg/L | 5 years |
| Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (USEPA Method 8270) | µg/L | 5 years |
| Chlorophenoxy Herbicides (USEPA Method 8150) | µg/L | 5 years |
| Organophosphorus Compounds (USEPA Method 8141) | µg/L | 5 years |

TABLE IV
MONITORING PARAMETERS FOR DETECTION MONITORING

Surrogates for Metallic Constituents:

pH
Total Dissolved Solids
Electrical Conductivity
Chloride
Sulfate
Nitrate nitrogen

Constituents included in VOC:

USEPA Method 8260

Acetone
Acrylonitrile
Benzene
Bromochloromethane
Bromodichloromethane
Bromoform (Tribromomethane)
Carbon disulfide
Carbon tetrachloride
Chlorobenzene
Chloroethane (Ethyl chloride)
Chloroform (Trichloromethane)
Dibromochloromethane (Chlorodibromomethane)
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene dibromide; EDB)
o-Dichlorobenzene (1,2-Dichlorobenzene)
p-Dichlorobenzene (1,4-Dichlorobenzene)
trans-1,4-Dichloro-2-butene
Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC-12)
1,1-Dichloroethane (Ethylidene chloride)
1,2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene dichloride)
1,1 -Dichloroethylene (1,1 -Dichloroethene; Vinylidene chloride)
cis- 1,2-Dichloroethylene (cis- 1,2-Dichloroethene)
trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (trans-1,2-Dichloroethene)
1,2-Dichloropropane (Propylene dichloride)
cis- 1,3-Dichloropropene
trans- 1,3-Dichloropropene
Ethylbenzene
2-Hexanone (Methyl butyl ketone)
Methyl bromide (Bromomethane)

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MONITORING PARAMETERS FOR DETECTION MONITORING

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Methyl chloride (Chloromethane)
Methylene bromide (Dibromomethane)
Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)
Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK: 2-Butanone)
Methyl iodide (Iodomethane)
4-Methyl-2-pentanone (Methyl isobutylketone)
Styrene
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane
Tetrachloroethylene (Tetrachloroethene; Perchloroethylene)
Toluene
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (Methylchloroform)
1,1,2-Trichloroethane
Trichloroethylene (Trichloroethene)
Trichlorofluoromethane (CFC- 11)
1,2,3-Trichloropropane
Vinyl acetate
Vinyl chloride
Xylenes

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| <u>Inorganics (dissolved):</u> | <u>USEPA Method</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Aluminum | 6010 |
| Antimony | 6010 |
| Barium | 6010 |
| Beryllium | 6010 |
| Cadmium | 6010 |
| Chromium | 6010 |
| Cobalt | 6010 |
| Copper | 6010 |
| Silver | 6010 |
| Tin | 6010 |
| Vanadium | 6010 |
| Zinc | 6010 |
| Iron | 6010 |
| Manganese | 6010 |
| Arsenic | 7062 |
| Lead | 7421 |
| Mercury | 7470 |
| Nickel | 7520 |
| Selenium | 7742 |
| Thallium | 7841 |
| Cyanide | 9010 |
| Sulfide | 9030 |

Volatile Organic Compounds:

USEPA Method 8260

Acetone
Acetonitrile (Methyl cyanide)
Acrolein
Acrylonitrile
Allyl chloride (3-Chloropropene)
Benzene
Bromochloromethane (Chlorobromomethane)
Bromodichloromethane (Dibromochloromethane)
Bromoform (Tribromomethane)
Carbon disulfide
Carbon tetrachloride
Chlorobenzene
Chloroethane (Ethyl chloride)
Chloroform (Trichloromethane)
Chloroprene
Dibromochloromethane (Chlorodibromomethane)

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1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)
1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene dibromide; EDB)
o-Dichlorobenzene (1,2-Dichlorobenzene)
m-Dichlorobenzene (1,3-Dichlorobenzene)
p-Dichlorobenzene (1,4-Dichlorobenzene)
trans- 1,4-Dichloro-2-butene
Dichlorodifluoromethane (CFC 12)
1,1 -Dichloroethane (Ethylidene chloride)
1,2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene dichloride)
1,1 -Dichloroethylene (1, 1-Dichloroethene; Vinylidene chloride)
cis- 1,2-Dichloroethylene (cis- 1,2-Dichloroethene)
trans- 1,2-Dichloroethylene (trans- 1,2-Dichloroethene)
1,2-Dichloropropane (Propylene dichloride)
1,3-Dichloropropane (Trimethylene dichloride)
2,2-Dichloropropane (Isopropylidene chloride)
1,1 -Dichloropropene
cis- 1,3-Dichloropropene
trans- 1,3-Dichloropropene
Ethylbenzene
Ethyl methacrylate
Hexachlorobutadiene
2-Hexanone (Methyl butyl ketone)
Isobutyl alcohol
Methacrylonitrile
Methyl bromide (Bromomethane)
Methyl chloride (Chloromethane)
Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK; 2-Butanone)
Methyl iodide (Iodomethane)
Methyl methacrylate
4-Methyl-2-pentanone (Methyl isobutyl ketone)
Methylene bromide (Dibromomethane)
Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)
Naphthalene
Propionitrile (Ethyl cyanide)
Styrene
1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane
Tetrachloroethylene (Tetrachloroethene; Perchloroethylene; PCE)
Toluene
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
1,1,1 -Trichloroethane, Methylchloroform
1,1,2-Trichloroethane
Trichloroethylene (Trichloroethene; TCE)
Trichlorofluoromethane (CFC- 11)

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1,2,3-Trichloropropane
Vinyl acetate
Vinyl chloride (Chloroethene)
Xylene (total)

Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds:

USEPA Method 8270 - base, neutral, & acid extractables

Acenaphthene
Acenaphthylene
Acetophenone
2-Acetylaminofluorene (2-AAF)
Aldrin
4-Aminobiphenyl
Anthracene
Benzo[a]anthracene (Benzanthracene)
Benzo[b]fluoranthene
Benzo[k]fluoranthene
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene
Benzo[a]pyrene
Benzyl alcohol
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
alpha-BHC
beta-BHC
delta-BHC
gamma-BHC (Lindane)
Bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane
Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether (Dichloroethyl ether)
Bis(2-chloro-1-methylethyl) ether (Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether; DCIP)
4-Bromophenyl phenyl ether
Butyl benzyl phthalate (Benzyl butyl phthalate)
Chlordane
p-Chloroaniline
Chlorobenzilate
p-Chloro-m-cresol (4-Chloro-3-methylphenol)
2-Chloronaphthalene
2-Chlorophenol
4-Chlorophenyl phenyl ether
Chrysene
o-Cresol (2-methylphenol)
m-Cresol (3-methylphenol)
p-Cresol (4-methylphenol)
4,4'-DDD

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4,4'-DDE
4,4'-DDT
Diallate
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene
Dibenzofuran
Di-n-butyl phthalate
o-Dichlorobenzene (1,2-Dichlorobenzene)
m-Dichlorobenzene (1,3-Dichlorobenzene)
p-Dichlorobenzene (1,4-Dichlorobenzene)
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine
2,4-Dichlorophenol
2,6-Dichlorophenol
Dieldrin
Diethyl phthalate
p-(Dimethylamino)azobenzene
7,12-Dimethylbenz[a]anthracene
3,3'-Dimethylbenzidine
2,4-Dimethylphenol (m-Xylenol)
Dimethyl phthalate
m-Dinitrobenzene
4,6-Dinitro-o-cresol (4,6-Dinitro-2-methylphenol)
2,4-Dinitrophenol
2,4-Dinitrotoluene
2,6-Dinitrotoluene
Di-n-octyl phthalate
Diphenylamine
Endosulfan I
Endosulfan II
Endosulfan sulfate
Endrin
Endrin aldehyde
Ethyl methanesulfonate
Famphur
Fluoranthene
Fluorene
Heptachlor
Heptachlor epoxide
Hexachlorobenzene
Hexachlorobutadiene
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
Hexachloroethane
Hexachloropropene
Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene
Isodrin

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Continued

Isophorone
Isosafrole
Kepone
Methapyrilene
Methoxychlor
3-Methylcholanthrene
Methyl methanesulfonate
2-Methylnaphthalene
Naphthalene
1,4-Naphthoquinone
1-Naphthylamine
2-Naphthylamine
o-Nitroaniline (2-Nitroaniline)
m-Nitroaniline (3-Nitroaniline)
p-Nitroaniline (4-Nitroaniline)
Nitrobenzene
o-Nitrophenol (2-Nitrophenol)
p-Nitrophenol (4-Nitrophenol)
N-Nitrosodi-n-butylamine (Di-n-butylnitrosamine)
N-Nitrosodiethylamine (Diethylnitrosamine)
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (Dimethylnitrosamine)
N-Nitrosodiphenylamine (Diphenylnitrosamine)
N-Nitrosodipropylamine (N-Nitroso-N-dipropylamine; Di-n-propylnitrosamine)
N-Nitrosomethylethylamine (Methylethylnitrosamine)
N-Nitrosopiperidine
N-Nitrosospyrrolidine
5-Nitro-o-toluidine
Pentachlorobenzene
Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB)
Pentachlorophenol
Phenacetin
Phenanthrene
Phenol
p-Phenylenediamine
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs; Aroclors)
Pronamide
Pyrene
Safrole
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol
o-Toluidine
Toxaphene
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol

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2,4,6-Trichlorophenol
0,0,0-Triethyl phosphorothioate
sym-Trinitrobenzene

Chlorophenoxy Herbicides:

USEPA Method 8150

2,4-D (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid)
Dinoseb (DNBP; 2-sec-Butyl-4,6-dinitrophenol)
Silvex (2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxypropionic acid; 2,4,5-TP)
2,4,5-T (2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid)

Organophosphorus Compounds:

USEPA Method 8141

0,0-Diethyl 0-2-pyrazinyl phosphorothioate (Thionazin)
Dimethoate
Disulfoton
Methyl parathion (Parathion methyl)
Parathion
Phorate



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APPROXIMATE WASTE LIMITS



APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY



Map Source: AVENAL 7.5' USGS Topographic Map

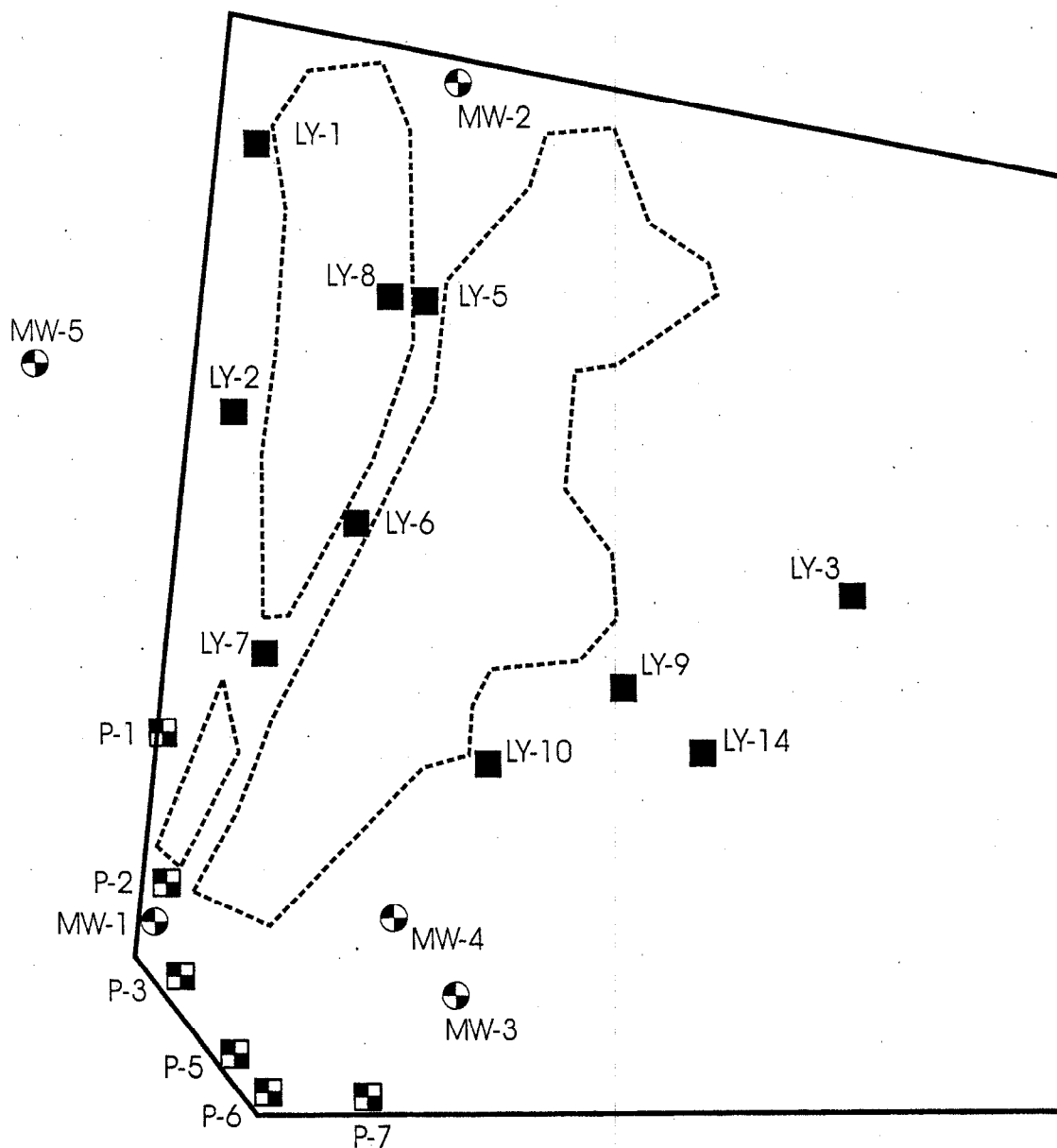
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ATTACHMENT A
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LOCATION MAP



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- WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARY
- SITE BOUNDARY
- ⊕ MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- ⊠ LANDFILL GAS MONITORING PROBE
- LYSIMETER LOCATION

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FEET



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ATTACHMENT B
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LOCATION MAP

INFORMATION SHEET

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. _____
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The City of Avenal owns and operates a municipal solid waste landfill northeast of the intersection of State Route 269 and Hydril Road within the incorporated area of the City of Avenal. The site is on the southwest flank of the Kettleman Hills on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. The climate is semi-arid, with hot, dry summers, and cool winters. The average annual precipitation is 5.59 inches with an average annual pan evaporation of 111 inches. The site is not within a 100-year floodplain according to FEMA maps.

The facility is currently regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements, Order Nos. 76-023 and 93-200. The detection monitoring program is deficient because the facility does not have adequate groundwater detection monitoring systems. Based on site geology and groundwater monitoring data, there may be more than one uppermost water-bearing zone at the site. The Discharger needs to determine how many water bearing-zones are present beneath the site, the gradient and direction of groundwater flow in each water-bearing zone, and the point of compliance. Currently, there is an insufficient number of groundwater monitoring wells to represent the background groundwater quality or groundwater quality passing the point of compliance or to understand the hydrogeology at the site. A water quality protection standard report has been submitted but is not adequate because there is insufficient background groundwater quality data to establish concentration limits. This Order requires the Discharger to prepare a work plan to install an adequate groundwater detection monitoring systems and submit a water quality protection standard based on upgradient groundwater quality.

The Plio-Pleistocene Tulare Formation is exposed at the site. The Tulare Formation dips to the southwest at approximately 30 degrees. The Tulare Formation consists of interbedded claystone, mudstone, and sandy-mudstone with thin lenses of poorly-graded sandstone and well-rounded gravel. The closest fault with historic seismic activity is a blind thrust underlying the Kettleman Hills. The largest recorded seismic event along this fault is a Richter magnitude 5.7 earthquake recorded in 1985.

The 159-acre facility contains three unlined waste management units (Units) covering approximately 40 acres. Land within 1,000 feet of the site is used for residential, agricultural, and general commercial.

The first encountered groundwater is about 391 to 408 feet below the native ground surface. Groundwater elevations range from approximately 477 feet to 564 feet MSL.

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Groundwater is encountered in the Tulare Formation under unconfined and possibly confined or semi-confined conditions. An insufficient number of groundwater monitoring wells have been installed to understand the site's hydrogeology. The influence of the dipping sediments on the site's hydrogeology and direction of groundwater flow needs to be better understood before it can be stated that an adequate groundwater detection monitoring system has been installed. Groundwater samples collected from on-site monitoring wells have an electrical conductivity (EC) ranging from 1,640 and 2,863 micromhos/cm with total dissolved solids (TDS) ranging from 1,570 to 6,300 mg/l.

Volatile organic compounds have not been detected in groundwater samples collected at the site. The lack of upgradient groundwater quality data has restricted an analysis of whether groundwater at the site has been degraded by naturally occurring waste constituents.

Volatile organic compounds are often detected in a release from a landfill, and are the primary waste constituents detected in groundwater beneath a municipal solid waste landfill. Since volatile organic compounds are not usually naturally occurring, and thus usually have no background value, they are not amenable to the statistical analysis procedures contained in Title 27 for the determination of a release of wastes from a Unit. Title 27 does provide for the non-statistical evaluation of monitoring data that will provide the best assurance of the earliest possible detection of a release from a Unit. However, Title 27 does not specify a specific method for non-statistical evaluation of monitoring data.

The Board may specify a non-statistical data analysis method pursuant to Section 20080(a)(1) of Title 27. In order to provide the best assurance of the earliest possible detection of a release of non-naturally occurring waste constituents from a Unit, this Order specifies a non-statistical method for the evaluation of monitoring data.

The specified non-statistical method for evaluation of monitoring data in this Order provides two criteria (or triggers) for making the determination that there has been a release of waste constituents from a Unit. The presence of two waste constituents above their respective method detection limit (MDL), or one waste constituent detected above its practical quantitation limit (PQL), indicates that a release of waste from a Unit has occurred. Following an indication of a release, verification testing will be conducted to determine whether there has been a release from the Unit, or there is a source of the detected constituents other than the landfill, or the detection was a false detection. Although the detection of one waste constituent above its MDL is sufficient to provide for the earliest possible detection of a release in accordance with Title 27, the detection of two waste constituents above the MDL as a trigger is appropriate due to the higher risk of false-positive analytical results and the corresponding increase in sampling and analytical

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expenses from the use of detecting one waste constituent above its MDL as a trigger.

On 9 October 1991, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) promulgated regulations (Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 257 and 258, "federal municipal solid waste [MSW] regulations" or "Subtitle D") that apply, in California, to dischargers who own or operate Class II or Class III landfill units at which municipal solid waste is discharged. The majority of the federal MSW regulations became effective on the "Federal Deadline", which was on 9 October 1993. With the issuance of Resolution No. 93-62, the State Water Resources Control Board established a statewide policy for the regulation of discharges of municipal solid wastes consistent with Subtitle D. Following the issuance of Resolution No. 93-62, the USEPA deemed the State of California to be an approved state, meaning that compliance with the applicable state regulations constitutes compliance with the corresponding portions of the federal Subtitle D regulations. These requirements are consistent with Resolution No. 93-62 and Subtitle D, and implement the appropriate state regulations in lieu of Subtitle D. The Discharger also needs to comply with all applicable provisions of Subtitle D that are not implemented through compliance with this Order or Title 27.

The action to revise waste discharge requirements for this existing facility is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resource Code §21000, et seq., and the CEQA guidelines, in accordance with Title 14, CCR, §15301. Revision of the waste discharge requirements updates the requirements to conform with the California Water Code and Title 27, California Code of Regulations, §20005 et seq.